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March 23, 2016

The Honorable Jeff Siddoway, Chairman
Senate Local Government and Taxation Committee
Idaho Legislature
Statehouse
Boise, Idaho

Dear Chairman Siddoway,

The Idaho Chamber Alliance supports HB606a, but it is the view of Idaho's chambers of commerce that HB606a requires further amendment to facilitate future public-private partnerships in municipal economic development. If Idaho wants to grow business and increase revenue supporting future tax reduction and more fully fund education, new revenue streams from business development must be allowed under urban renewal, there simply are no other tools to support local community growth.

We are optimistic that previous changes to HB606a will improve Idaho's URA policy but we feel language is still required to address a key core concern. Specifically, future plan modifications are necessary to allow unanticipated yet congruent development opportunities within a revenue allocation area and not trigger a reset of base values.

We urge you to amend HB606a. If you have any questions about the Chamber Alliance position please feel free to contact me at 208-882-1800 or our legislative advisor John Watts at 890-4878.

Sincerely,



Gina Taruscio, CEO, Moscow Chamber of Commerce
President, Idaho Chamber Alliance

cc: Members, Senate Local Government and Taxation Committee